

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No.: 10/566,706
Attorney Docket No.: Q91507

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for returning a copy of the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the IDS filed February 1, 2006, indicating on that form that he has considered each of the Japanese patent documents submitted. However, the Examiner indicates in the Office Action that he has not received the reference referred to as “microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 165255/1982 (Laid-Open No. 69752/1984 to Hatsuda Seisakusho K.K.), dated May 11, 1984” (hereinafter “JP ‘255”). This reference was identified on the International Search Report and it is believed to have been provided by the International Bureau. For the Examiner’s convenience Applicant submits a copy of JP 59-165255 along with an English translation of the PCT International Preliminary Report of Patentability (IPRP). The Authorized Officer, in the IPRP, states that claims 1-5 are novel over the references listed in the International Search Report, including JP ‘255, and that those claims satisfy the inventive step and industrial applicability requirements. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider JP ‘255 and indicate such consideration in the next Office paper.

Drawings

Applicant amends Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B to remove reference numerals as required by the Examiner. Annotated drawings showing the changes and replacement sheets incorporating the changes are submitted herewith.

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With respect to the objection concerning reference numbers 67 and 89, Applicant points out that reference number 67 is discussed at page 17, line 10 and page 18, line 16 of the Amended Specification, and reference number 89 is discussed at page 20, line 19 of the Amended Specification.

Specification Objections

Applicant amends the specification as required by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully notes that the claims were amended under Article 34 during the International Phase and respectfully submits that the claims meet the requirements of § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant amends claims 1 and 3 so that claim 1 no longer recites a lever which is now recited in claim 3.

Claims Objections

Claims 4 and 5 are amending and the objection to these claims as being in an improper multiple dependent claim form is believed obviated.

Allowable Subject Matter

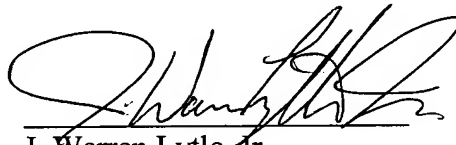
The Examiner indicates that all of the claims will be allowable if the indefiniteness rejections and improper multiple dependent claim form objections are overcome. In view of the

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above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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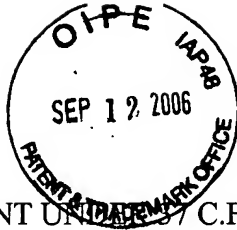
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Amend Figures 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B as shown on the two Annotated Sheets submitted herewith. Please replace the sheets of drawings containing Figures 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B with the two replacement sheets of drawings for those figures, submitted herewith. Replacement sheets for the remaining figures are also submitted herewith.

Attachment: Two (2) Annotated Sheets
Six (6) Replacement Sheets



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Annotated Sheet 1 of 2

